

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: NISSL-3

In re Application of:)
THOMAS NISSL)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/DE2004/002787)
Int. Filing Date: December 21, 2004)
For: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING THE DIAMETER OF A STENT)

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application, please amend the application as follows.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

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